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LONDON PLEASE PASS TO DASD/ISA ROGER SHIELDS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, MCAP, MARR, NATO

SUBJECT: ECONADS: ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT  
OF MILITARY PROCUREMENT ACCOUNTING MECHANISM

REFS: A. USNATO 4980 NOTAL

B. USNATO 5161 NOTAL

C. STATE 220036 NOTAL

1. ALTHOUGH THE ECONADS MEETING REPORTED IN REF A INDICATED A  
GENERAL UNWILLINGNESS TO INVOLVE THE NATO ECONOMIC COMMITTEE,  
AS SUCH, IN A CONTINUATION OF THE EARLIER "BURDENSARING"  
DATA COLLECTION EFFORT, DISCUSSION ON JUNE 19 BETWEEN NATO  
ECONOMIC DIRECTOR JACQUES BILLY, DR. SHIELDS, AND US ECONAD  
REVEALED THAT BILLY CONTINUES TO BE SENSITIVE TO THE NEED FOR  
COLLECTION OF DATA ON ALLIED MILITARY PROCUREMENT IN US.  
REF B TRANSMITS COPY OF SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS FORMULATED BY  
ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE FOR USE IN RECENT DPQ "TRILATERAL"  
WITH UK, BUT BILLY INDICATED THAT IT WOULD SERVE AS MODEL  
FOR FUTURE REVIEWS.

2. IN ADDITION, BILLY ALSO SHOWED US (BUT DID NOT PROVIDE)  
A MEMO DATED SEPTEMBER 8 (I.E., AFTER THE ECONADS MEETING  
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REPORTED REF A) IN WHICH HE PROPOSED TO ASG HUMPHREY A  
REVISION OF THE BASIC DEFENSE PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE FORMAT  
WHICH WOULD CALL UPON EACH ALLY TO PROVIDE IN CONSIDERABLY  
GREATER DETAIL INFORMATION ON THIRD-COUNTRY PROCUREMENTS,

BOTH BY TYPE AND SOURCE OF PROCUREMENTS. WE UNDERSTOOD FROM  
BILLY THAT HIS PROPOSAL HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY HUMPHREY BUT IT  
WILL OBVIOUSLY BE SOME WHILE BEFORE THE NEW FORMAT BEGINS TO  
BEAR FRUIT. WHILE THE TABULATIONS SOUGHT WILL NOT PERMIT  
READY IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC TRANSACTIONS (AS WAS DONE  
IN VERIFYING ALLIED REPORTING UNDER ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE  
AEGIS FOR JACKSON-NUNN ACCOUNTING), THEY SHOULD IN DUE COURSE  
PROVIDE US WITH ORDER-OF-MAGNITUDE INFORMATION WHICH MAY  
NEVERTHELESS BE USEFUL. BRUCE

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